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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Cholera and smallpox at Manila—Cholera in the provinces—Abatement of the epidemic.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, October 22 and November 10, 12, and 20, as follows:

The number of quarantinable diseases reported in Manila during the week ended October 31, 1903, is as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera	7	7
Smallpox	0	0
Plague	1	1

Week ended November 7, 1903:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera	8	6
Smallpox	0	0
Plague	0	0

Week ended November 14, 1903:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera	4	5
Smallpox	0	0
Plague	1	1

Abatement of cholera epidemic.

There is less cholera in the islands at present than at any time since the commencement of the present epidemic, and all indications point to the fact that the complete cessation of the disease may be looked for at an early date. The number of cases reported at the present time no doubt comes nearer being the true number of cases occurring than at any time in the past. This is due to the fact that many cases are diagnosed cholera which in ordinary times would not be thought of in that connection, and this makes up for the number of true cases which are not reported.

Cessation of plague in Cebu.

No cases of plague have been reported from Cebu during the same period. The service officer at Cebu has almost completed the fumigation of the entire shipping that enters Cebu Harbor, and the efficient manner in which it has been done has been the subject of much favorable comment. A peculiar feature of the plague at Cebu has been the fact that the disease subsided apparently of its own accord before any particular measures of the health authorities could be carried into effect.

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands.

WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1903.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bulacan	Bulacan	1	1
Santa Maria	do	4	4
Quingua	do	1	1
Orani	Bataan	2	2
Balanga	do	1	2
Orion	do	2	0
Montalbon	Rizal	1	1
Dasmariñas	Cavite	4	3
Victoria	Tarlac	13	10
Tarlac	do	6	5
Pura	do	0	2
Santa Ignacia	do	11	5
La Paz	do	8	8
Santo Tomas	Union	1	1
Vigan	Ilocos Sur	11	4
Subic	Zambales	1	0
Barili	Island of Cebu	5	4
Consolacion	do	1	1
Minglanilla	do	23	23
Borbon	do	40	30
Boljoon	do	25	25
Nueva Caceres	do	1	1
Sogod	do	4	4
	Island of Panay:		
Iloilo	Province of Iloilo	3	3
Dumarao	Do	14	4
Barboza	Province of Antique	2	2
Pandan	Do	7	7
Antique	Do	1	1
Victorias	Island of Negros	10	7
San Carlos	do	1	1
Total		204	162

WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 7, 1903.

Nueva Caceres	Camarines Sur	1	3
Bocaue	Bulacan	2	2
San Isidro	Nueva Ecija	1	0
Balanga	Bataan	12	8
Montalbon	Rizal	2	2
Vigan	Ilocos Sur	19	13
Tagbilaran	Island of Bohol	19	14
	Island of Panay:		
Iloilo	Province of Iloilo	1	1
Dumarao	Province of Capiz	50	25
Pandan	Province of Antique	3	3
Colasi	Do	11	8
Ginigaran	Island of Negros	26	15
Bacolod	do	14	9
Victorias	do	33	23
Saravia	do	24	24
Bulupanadan	do	10	7
Total		228	157

WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 14, 1903.

Obando	Bulacan	1	1
Bocaue	do	3	1
Balanga	Bataan	10	10
San Mateo	Rizal	1	1
Dasmariñas	Cavite	1	1
Vigan	Ilocos Sur	15	9
Cebu	Island of Cebu	1	1
Asturias	do	69	61
Tagbilaran	Island of Bohol	2	1
	Island of Panay:		
Iloilo	Province of Iloilo	2	2
Pandan	Province of Antique	6	5
Colasi	Do	2	0
Bacolod	Island of Negros	0	1
Bulupanadan	do	6	5
Total		119	99

Quarantine transactions in the Philippine Islands during the month of September, 1903:

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued:	
To steamers for United States ports	4
foreign ports	59
domestic ports	184
To sailing vessels for United States ports	0
foreign ports	3
domestic ports	91
Total	341
Number of vessels inspected:	
Steamers from United States ports	7
foreign ports	56
domestic ports	188
Sailing vessels from United States ports	0
foreign ports	3
domestic ports	89
Total	343
Number of passengers on arriving boats inspected:	
On steamers, cabin	1,480
On steamers, steerage	5,464
On sailing vessels, cabin	15
On sailing vessels, steerage	356
Total	7,315
Number of persons vaccinated:	
On steamers, crew	1,317
On steamers, passengers	9
On sailing vessels, crew	150
On sailing vessels, passengers	15
Total	1,491
Crew on arriving steamers inspected	10,898
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected	991
Persons quarantined for observation, suspects and contacts:	
Crew	150
Cabin passengers	2
Steerage passengers	44
Total	196
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	1,908
Steamers disinfected	8
Sailing vessels disinfected	1
Steamers fumigated to kill rats on board	15
Sailing vessels fumigated to kill rats on board	10
Steamers remaining in quarantine from August	0
Sailing vessels remaining in quarantine from August	1
Steamers entering quarantine	3
Sailing vessels entering quarantine	1
Steamers remaining in quarantine September 30	1
Sailing vessels remaining in quarantine September 30	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected on steamers	3,241
Pieces of baggage disinfected on sailing vessels	26
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed:	
Steamers	746
Sailing vessels	0

Quarantinable diseases detected on vessels:	
Cholera	5
Smallpox	2
Leprosy	2

OUTGOING.

Vessels remaining in quarantine from August	0
Steamers entering quarantine during the month	0
Sailing vessels entering quarantine during the month	11
Steamers sailing without quarantine inspected and passed	4
Sailing vessels sailing without quarantine inspected and passed	0
Steamers disinfected	4
Sailing vessels disinfected	0
Crew of steamers inspected	412
Crew of sailing vessels inspected	81
Passengers of steamers inspected	1,297
Passengers of sailing vessels inspected	36
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	1,239
Cases of quarantinable diseases occurring on vessels:	
Cholera	0
Smallpox	0
Persons vaccinated	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected	152
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed	892

PORT OF CEBU.

Bills of health issued:	
To steamers for United States ports	0
foreign ports	6
domestic ports	110
To sailing vessels for United States ports	0
foreign ports	0
domestic ports	19
Total	135

Number of vessels inspected:	
Steamers from United States ports	0
foreign ports	8
domestic ports	110
Sailing vessels from United States ports	0
foreign ports	1
domestic ports	209
Total	328

Number of passengers on arriving boats inspected:	
On steamers, cabin	135
On steamers, steerage	914
On sailing vessels, cabin	0
On sailing vessels, steerage	529
Total	1,578

Persons vaccinated	0
Crew on arriving steamers inspected	3,555
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected	1,479
Persons quarantined for observation, suspects, and contacts	0
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	0
Vessels disinfected	0
Vessels fumigated to kill rats on board	43
Vessels remaining in quarantine from August	0
Vessels entering quarantine	0

PORT OF ILOILO.

Bills of health issued:	
To steamers for United States ports	0
foreign ports	5
domestic ports	69
To sailing vessels for United States ports	0
foreign ports	0
domestic ports	146
Total	220
Number of vessels inspected:	
Steamers from United States ports	0
foreign ports	3
domestic ports	95
Sailing vessels from United States ports	0
foreign ports	0
domestic ports	127
Total	225
Number of passengers on arriving boats inspected:	
On steamers, cabin	275
On steamers, steerage	1,670
On sailing vessels, cabin	0
On sailing vessels, steerage	944
Total	2,889
Number of persons vaccinated	0
Crew on arriving steamers inspected	3,327
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected	1,217

OUTGOING.

Steamers entering quarantine during the month	0
Sailing vessels entering quarantine during the month	3
Steamers sailing without quarantine inspected and passed	74
Sailing vessels sailing without quarantine inspected and passed	146
Vessels disinfected	3
Crew of steamers inspected	306
Crew of sailing vessels inspected	2,149
Passengers of steamers inspected	312
Passengers of sailing vessels inspected	1,354
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	32
Pieces of baggage disinfected	64
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed	0

PORT OF JOLO.

Bills of health issued:	
To steamers for United States ports	0
foreign ports	1
domestic ports	10
To sailing vessels for United States ports	0
foreign ports	0
domestic ports	2
Total	13
Number of vessels inspected:	
Steamers from United States ports	0
foreign ports	1
domestic ports	15
Sailing vessels from United States ports	0
foreign ports	1
domestic ports	4
Total	21

Number of passengers on arriving boats inspected:	
On steamers, cabin	64
steerage	325
On sailing vessels, cabin	4
steerage	4
Total	397
Persons vaccinated	0
Crew on arriving steamers inspected	709
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected	49
Vessels quarantined	0

Cholera decreasing on island of Panay.

Assistant Surgeon McCoy, at Iloilo, reports, November 4, through the chief quarantine officer, as follows:

During the month of October 33 cases of cholera, with 30 deaths, were reported in this port; a very material reduction as compared with September, when 84 cases with 81 deaths were reported. For the past two weeks 5 cases and 5 deaths have been reported, and in the past six days but 1 case and 1 death.

So far as we are able to learn there has been a very general reduction in the number of cases throughout the Island. Capiz and San Jose, the only other important ports on Panay, have reported no cases on bills of health for several weeks.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Inspection of immigrants.

Chief Quarantine Officer King reports, December 14, as follows:

Report of alien passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended December 12, 1903.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Dec. 6	German steamship Hungaria	Hamburg and St. Thomas	1
11	Spanish steamship Miguel M. Pinillos	Barcelona, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Canarias, Tenerife.	6
	Total		7

Reports from Ponce.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, December 12, through the chief quarantine officer, as follows:

During the week ended December 12, 2 vessels were inspected and 4 bills of health were issued. One vessel inspected was passed and 1 under guard.

The vessel in quarantine was the American steamship *Zulia*, arrived from Maracaibo, Curaçao, and La Guayra. No passengers and no cargo for Ponce. Took cargo in quarantine under guard.

The sanitary condition of the port and vicinity is good. No quarantinable disease is present.